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Message from the Director

Summer is almost here. Look in this newsletter for a full season of free activities. We've been preparing for fun, community-focused events for this summer and are looking forward to seeing you at the library. We will kick off this festive season with our Summer Reading Celebration on June 11 (details of this event are found in this newsletter). Swing by, bring a friend or three, and reconnect with your library community at this outdoor-indoor event. I hope to see you there.

This summer, the library will also begin the process of learning your thoughts for the community and the library for our strategic planning process. The strategic plan will outline the library's direction for the next three to five years, and your voice will be critical to this process. More information regarding strategic planning will be available over the summer. At the same time, if you have ideas and thoughts **now** regarding the services, programs and spaces you enjoy currently, or those you would like to see in the future, please contact me at director@VAPLD.info, call to speak with me at 847-634-3650, or reach out in any of the ways listed on the library website at VAPLD.info/contact-us.



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Library Garden Grows



Fresh air, a cool breeze in the shade, an educational play area for the kids, the sound of birds and free high-speed Wi-Fi — that sounds pretty good, doesn't it? Let's add "no entry fee" and "no obligation to purchase anything." Where is this wonderful place? The newly improved outdoor public space at your local public library!

Like many libraries across the world, we have seen a surge of interest in outdoor public space for gathering and learning in recent years.

That's why, this summer, we are upgrading the space patrons have come to know as the Annex Lawn. A fanciful chalkboard wall and renovated community garden will join the picnic tables, shade sails and high-speed Wi-Fi that were installed over the past two years. The upgraded area will be called the "Library Learning Garden."

NEW! Family Fridays

Families with children of all ages are invited to drop by for outdoor activities in the newly updated library garden. Spend time together engaged with activities that promote socialization, problem solving, sensory experiences and imaginative play. In case of bad weather, we will move inside the main library.

Fridays, 10–11 am
June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14

"The Library Learning Garden is a great community resource and an easy destination for anyone looking for outdoor space," said library director Anne Rasmussen.

The area will open this summer for self-guided use and play during daylight hours, seven days a week. Occasionally, the space will be reserved for a specific library program, such as an outdoor concert or storytime — or the new Family Fridays series (see below).

The community vegetable garden at the library is also getting a full refresh. Upgrades include accessible pathways and raised garden beds.

It was first installed as part of the library's 2003 summer reading program, which had the theme "Dig Into Reading" that year. Since then, volunteers have grown, weeded, watered and harvested more than 2000 pounds of fresh tomatoes, zucchini, peppers and beans for the customers of the local food pantry.

"The garden provides such a variety of benefits," said program coordinator Roz Topolski. "It's a place to learn a hobby or learn how food is produced. It's a place to spend quality time, individually or as a group. It's an opportunity for people to give back to their community. Most importantly, it reduces food insecurity in our community by providing access to fresh vegetables at our local food pantry."

Watch for an opening announcement.





Building a Solid Foundation

We are excited to introduce the newly revitalized Foundation for the Vernon Area Public Library District. Thanks to a generous donation from a family in our community, the Foundation has been established as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is undertaking new programs to raise funds to support and expand library facilities and services. Our goal is to make the Vernon Area Public Library as awesome as possible for all patrons, while also helping the library district avoid increases in local taxes.

Several new Foundation board members have joined our team in the past few months. These Foundation volunteers are friends and neighbors in your community who are passionate about helping our library. We are expanding outreach and support for the library by seeking and managing monetary gifts from our generous community members, corporate donors, and other funding sources. Among our top early priorities is funding improvements to the library building to free up funds for more library programs, books, and materials. We also plan to sponsor expanded events and programs to engage, educate, and delight all library patrons.

The Foundation will be holding fundraising events, and will actively seek all kinds of monetary donations — large or small, individual or corporate, grants or memorials, and immediate or future bequests. We also will help the library apply for grants offered by corporations and other organizations to maximize the library's access to outside funding sources.

If you are looking for a way to make a difference for our library, the Foundation welcomes your help! We have many open roles for volunteers who want to share their talents to improve the library. We have opportunities for Foundation board and committee membership, event planning, community outreach, corporate fundraising, and administrative help. We would love to connect with you. We also accept donations, large or small. Please contact us at info@fvapld.org, and a Foundation board member will contact you to discuss opportunities to volunteer or to give.

Featured Resources for adults



QELLO STREAMING CONCERTS

"The best catalog of music concerts anywhere." Your library card is your ticket to great full-length concert videos from the comfort of your couch.

VAPLD.info/qello



MANGO LANGUAGES

Find your voice in a new language. Choose from more than 70 languages from Arabic to Yiddish. Access through the web or download the app for learning on the go.

VAPLD.info/mango



EXPLORE MORE ILLINOIS

Check out discounts with your library card! New offers include free admission at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum and discounted tickets to NWSL Chicago Red Stars games. Visit VAPLD.info/museum-passes to claim offers.

Classes & Events for adults

Note location with each event (🌳 outdoors, 🏛️ indoors, 🌐 online). Some events offer both in-person and streaming options for attendance. All events are free and open to all. Signup is required unless otherwise noted. Sign up at VAPLD.info/calendar or call 224-543-1485.

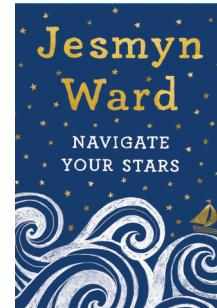
Illinois Libraries Present

Log in for live events with celebrated authors and cultural influencers. Sign up in advance to receive the Zoom link.

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries. Funded in part by a grant awarded by the Illinois State Library, a department of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

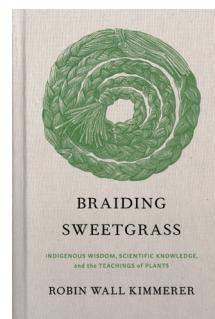
Navigate Your Stars, A Conversation with Jesmyn Ward

Tuesday, June 6, 7–8 pm [🌐](#)



Braiding Sweetgrass, A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer

Wednesday, June 21, 7–8 pm [🌐](#)





Tour of the Bahá'í House of Worship for North America

Classes & Events for adults *(continued)*

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Plant the Library Garden

Plant vegetables in the community garden under the guidance of master gardeners.

Saturday, June 3 🌳

Families with children in grades K–5: 9:30–10:30 am

Adults: 11 am–12 pm

Buffalo Grove Pride Picnic

Visit our table at the picnic immediately following the parade for giveaways and library info.

Sunday, June 4, 11:30 am–2:30 pm 🌳 Mike Rylko Park

Summer Library Celebration

See details page 9. Drop in.

Sunday, June 11, 1–3 pm 🌳 🏛️

Art Workshop: Artful Inspirations

Collage, paint and stamp a colorful canvas, then add a personalized affirmation. With art instructor Jennifer Evans.

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30–8 pm 🏛️

Making Change: A History of LGBTQ Activism

Trace the history of LGBTQ activism from the Stonewall Uprising to today with UIC professor John D'Emilio.

Tuesday, June 20, 7–8 pm 🏛️

Tour of the Bahá'í House of Worship for North America

Using photos and video, an official docent presents the spectacular architecture and gardens of the Bahá'í Temple in Wilmette — one of just eight such sites in the world.

Wednesday, June 21, 1–2 pm 🏛️ 🌐

Managing Money: A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

Designed for elder caregivers, this program from Alzheimer's Association covers planning, avoiding financial abuse and fraud, having tough conversations, and finding support.

Monday, June 26, 7–8 pm 🌐

Get Your Docs in a Row

Help your family avoid chaos and heartache during a crisis. Shire Law Group shares tips about organizing your personal documents before they are needed.

Wednesday, June 28, 6:30–8 pm 🏛️ 🌐

Outdoor Concert: The Roots of Chicago Blues with Donna Herula Trio

Blues standards performed on slide guitar, upright bass and mandolin, with a side of Blues history.

Thursday, June 29, 1–2 pm 🌳

Create a Healthy Backyard with Native Plants

An invasive shrub called buckthorn is ruining Midwest landscapes — and chances are, it's in your yard, too. Learn what it takes to remove this stubborn intruder and replace it with beneficial and beautiful native plants.

Monday, July 10, 7–8 pm  

Home Electrification

Sierra Club Clean Energy Team leader Jay Futterman covers sustainable home upgrades including solar power, heat pumps and induction cooktops, plus related tax credits.

Tuesday, July 11, 6:30–8 pm  

Tips for Getting Your Novel Published TEENS & ADULTS

Bestselling author Renée Rosen shares professional insight about editing, agents, offers, and publishing industry info.

Wednesday, July 12, 7–8 pm 

Library at Buffalo Grove Farmers Market

Sunday, July 16, 8 am–12 pm  Mike Rylko Community Park

Outdoor Concert: Hits of the '60s

This musical and storytelling cabaret with Cynthia and Matt Gruel features songs by James Brown, The Beatles, The Beach Boys and Neil Diamond.

Wednesday, July 19, 1–2 pm 

Book Club Bash

It's the 10th anniversary of this annual favorite! Get fresh ideas for your book group or personal reading list from Random House rep John Hastie and "The Good Book Fairy," blogger Lauren Margolin. Prizes and giveaways, too.

Thursday, July 20, 7–8 pm 

Duncan Hines: More than Cake Mix

Learn the story of the man behind the name on the box from food history enthusiast Amy Gail Hansen.

Tuesday, July 25, 1–2 pm  

The Truth About Deep Dish Pizza & Other Chicago Original Foods TEENS & ADULTS

Chicago food writers Monica Eng and David Hammond share insights and amusements from their new book, *Made in Chicago: Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites*.

Wednesday, July 26, 7–8 pm 

After Demolition: A Photo Project of Chicago's North & South Sides

In 2012, sociology professor David Schalliol photographed 100 Chicago buildings scheduled for tear-down. Ten years later, he returned to see what had changed. Here's what he found.

Thursday, August 3, 1–2 pm 

Mobile Passport Services

Apply for or renew your U.S. passport. Passport photos available, too. For detailed info about documentation, fees, and other requirements, visit LakeCountyCircuitClerk.org. No appointment required. Drop in.

Saturday, August 19, 9 am–1 pm 

English as a Second Language (ESL) Class Registration

Informational meeting and placement testing for free English classes at the library. Classes meet two times each week beginning September 5/6. For information, contact Mundelein District 120 Adult Education Department at 847-949-2200 ext. 1399.

Returning students: Monday, August 21, 9:15 am–12 pm 

New students: Wednesday, August 23, 9:15 am–12 pm 

Bullet Journaling

Learn a flexible, creative way to organize your professional or personal calendar. Supplies provided.

Tuesday, August 22, 7–8:30 pm 

Outdoor Concert: The World Music of Lamajamal

Performance of classical, folk, and sacred music traditions from the Middle East, North Africa, Balkans, Türkiye, Greece, and South Asia.

Tuesday, August 29, 1–2 pm 

Love Letters: A Comedy & Drama

Husband–wife acting duo Paddy and Jon Lynn present A.R. Gurney's Pulitzer-nominated epistolary play centered on life's ups and downs over 50 years of friendship.

Thursday, August 31, 7–8 pm 

Outdoor Concert: The World Music of Lamajamal



Technology, Business & Career Development

Makerspace Pop-Up

Make a fun project using library equipment. See the online calendar for details and signup for each session.

Thursdays, 6:30–8 pm

June 8, July 13, August 10

Revitalizing a Stalled Job Search

Give your job search a second wind with advanced strategies from Erica Reckamp from Job Search Like a Pro. Presented in partnership with the Lake Cook Career Collaborative member libraries. Find additional programs and resources at CareerCollab.org.

Tuesday, June 13, 7–8 pm

Google Apps

Choose the sessions that interest you.

Thursdays, 7–8 pm

June 15: Gmail Crash Course

June 22: Productivity Tools

June 29: Google Drive

1-on-1 Resume Review

Meet with executive recruiter Jennifer Harris for personal feedback. A Vernon Area library card is required. Appointments are 30 minutes and are available on the following Wednesdays between 6–7:30 pm:

June 21, July 19, August 16

Open Makerspace

Work on projects or learn new skills. A variety of supplies and equipment will be available for this self-guided crafting session.

Saturday, June 24, 1–4 pm

3D Printing

Create objects using Tinkercad software, then output them on the 3D printer.

Thursdays, 7–8 pm

July 20: Intro to 3D Printing

July 27: Advanced Techniques

August 3: Hinges

Photo Editing with GIMP

GIMP is a free, open-source alternative to Adobe Photoshop.

Tuesday, July 25, 7–8 pm

Vector Graphics with Inkscape

Inkscape is a free, open-source alternative to Adobe Illustrator.

Tuesday, August 8, 7–8 pm

Preschool Teacher Workshop: Surprising STEM

PRESCHOOL EDUCATORS

Give your students a meaningful start in STEM using materials you already have on hand. Award-winning children's author Ruth Spiro shows us how. Teachers receive two PD credits. Signup deadline: August 1.

Thursday, August 10, 9 am–12 pm

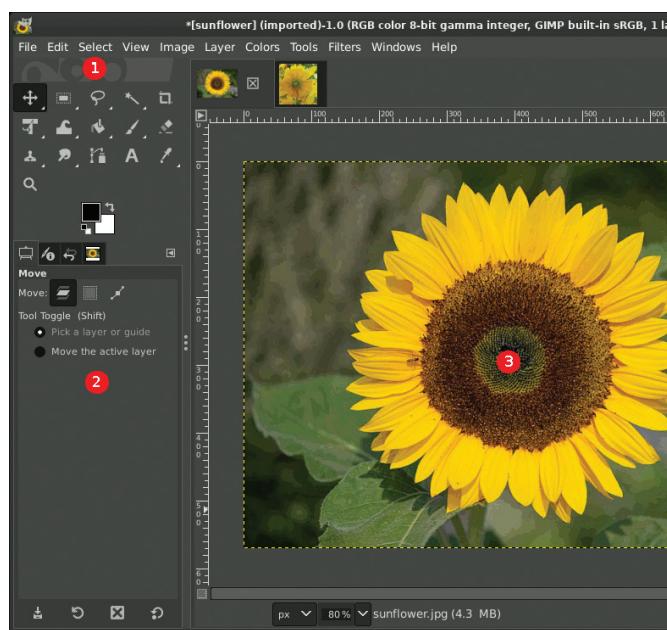


Photo editing with GIMP, Vector Graphics with InkScape





Discussion Groups & Meetups

Games for Grown-ups TEENS & ADULTS

Play tabletop games together online or at the library, individually or as a group.

Sundays, 12:30–4:30 pm [Z](#)

June 4; July 16, 30; August 13

English Language Learners Conversation Group

Practice your English conversation skills with a librarian and other non-native English speakers.

Tuesdays, 11 am–12 pm [Z](#)

June 6 and 20; July 11 and 18; August 1 and 15

Book Discussion with Judy Levin

Read and discuss intriguing selections beyond the best sellers.

Thursdays, 10–11:30 am [Z](#)

June 8: *Migrations* by Charlotte McConaghay

July 13: *Booth* by Karen Joy Fowler

Writers' Support Group

Share work, meet fellow writers, get constructive feedback and discuss the publishing business in this informal group. All writers welcome.

Thursdays, 6:30–8:30 pm [Z](#)

June 8, July 13, August 10

Thirsty Thursdays: Books on Tap

For readers in their 20s and 30s. See [Meetup.com](#) for details and signup.

Thursdays, 6–8 pm The Chatter Box, Long Grove

June 15, July 20, August 17

Reel Talk Movie Discussion

Use your library card to check out or stream the film in advance, then log in to share your thoughts.

Fridays, 3:30–4:30 pm [Z](#)

June 16: *A Single Man*

July 21: *Whale Rider*

August 18: *The Florida Project*

Must-Read Nonfiction

Read and discuss *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, a memoir by actress Jennette McCurdy of iCarly fame.

Monday, June 19, 7–8 pm [Z](#)

Memory Café

Offering people with memory loss and their care partners activity and connection in a safe, supportive environment.

Thursdays, 2–3 pm Alcott Center, Buffalo Grove

June 22, July 27, August 24

Off the Hook Knit & Crochet Group

Craft in the company of other crafters, online.

Mondays, 7–8:30 pm [Z](#)

June 26, July 24, August 28

Novel Night Book Discussion

Read and discuss *True Biz* by Sara Nović. This coming-of-age novel set at a residential school for the deaf explores the complexities of community and the ways language defines us.

Tuesday, July 18, 7–8:15 pm

World Language Movie Discussion

View the movie on Kanopy or check out the DVD, then join a discussion with other fans of international cinema.

Wednesdays, 7–8 pm [Z](#)

June 28: *The Weasels' Tale* (Spanish)

August 23: *Cinema Paradiso* (Italian)

Great Decisions Foreign Policy Discussion

Fall's monthly foreign policy discussion series begins in August. Choose either the Wednesday or Friday cohort. Sign up for each session separately.

Fridays, 1–3 pm [Z](#)

August 11, September 8*, October 13, November 10

*September 8 meeting is online only

Wednesdays, 10:30 am–12:30 pm [Z](#)

August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15

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Public libraries in the United States have a tradition: “summer reading.” Ask almost anyone who grew up here — many will recount how, every summer as a child, they kept track of what they read so that they could earn a prize from their library.

(And many of your most literate friends will add that it was this very exercise that got them started on a lifelong love of libraries and of reading!)

Library summer reading programs were originally designed to prevent learning loss during the school holiday. More recently, they have expanded to serve all ages and include non-reading activities.

This year’s program is fun and flexible. Just pick up a checklist and complete activities you choose at your own pace. The checklist provides a challenge, a small amount of structure, and lots of ideas of things to do or try — what you do is up to you!

Earn a “halfway” reward after completing half the activities; complete all activities for a “finisher” prize and raffle entry. Rewards vary by age group. Visit VAPLD.info/summer for details.

SUMMER LIBRARY CELEBRATION • ALL AGES

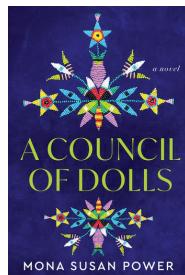
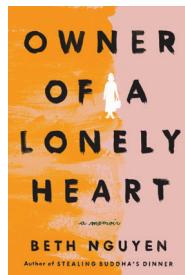
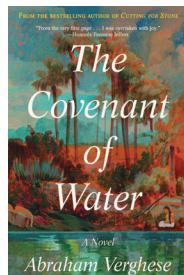
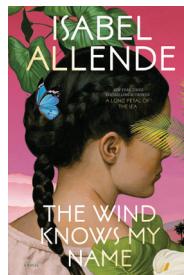
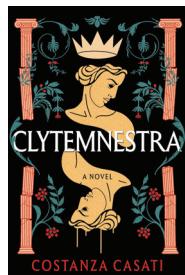
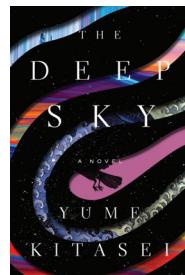
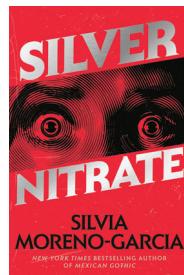
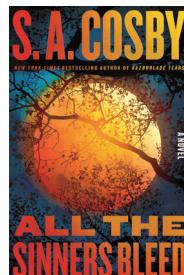
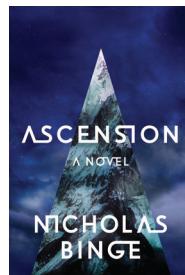
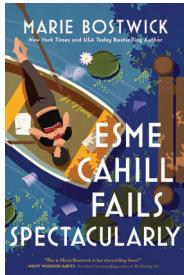
Celebrate the start of summer with treats from an ice cream truck (while supplies last) and outdoor live music from the Old Town School of Folk Music. Express yourself through art projects. Explore the library with a scavenger hunt. Stop by tables from local garden and conservation groups. Meet the new Library Foundation Board. While you are here, pick up a Summer Library Club log — or claim your first reward if you’re ready! Drop in between 1 and 3 pm. No signup required.

Sunday, June 11, 1–3 pm  



Read to Your Heart's Desire

Find the category that screams "beach read" to you or pick a sampling from all three sections for a well-rounded summer reading list.



Heartwarming

The Celebrants
by Steven Rowley

The Wishing Game
by Meg Shaffer

Esme Cahill Fails Spectacularly
by Marie Bostwick

Love Buzz
by Neely Tubati Alexander

The Little Italian Hotel
by Phaedra Patrick

Heart-pounding

Ascension
by Nicholas Binge

The Last Ranger
by Peter Heller

All the Sinners Bleed
by S.A. Cosby

Silver Nitrate
by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

The Deep Sky
by Yume Kitasei

Heart-wrenching

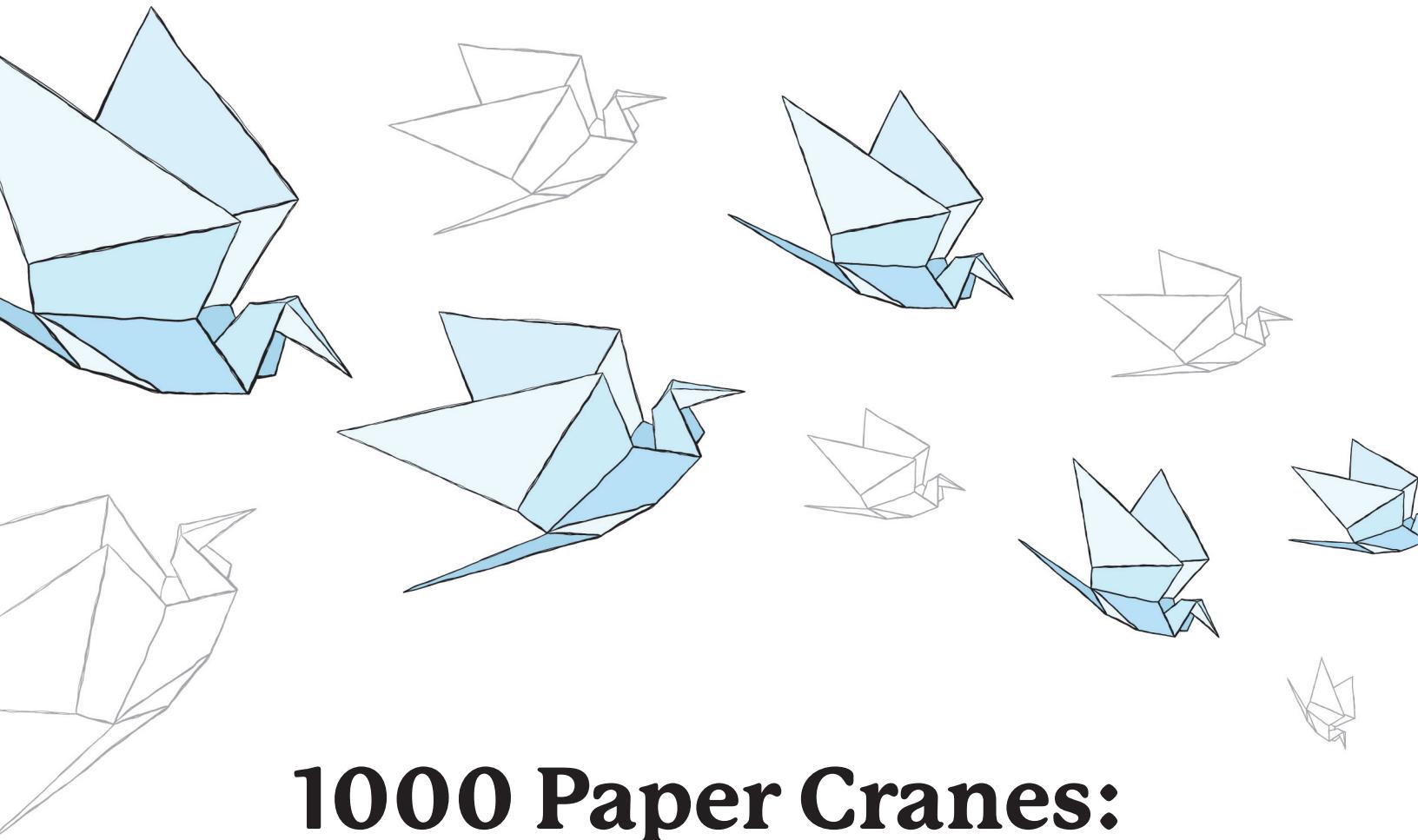
Clytemnestra
by Costanza Casati

The Wind Knows My Name
by Isabel Allende

The Covenant of Water
by Abraham Verghese

Owner of a Lonely Heart: A Memoir
by Beth Nguyen

A Council of Dolls
by Mona Susan Power



1000 Paper Cranes:

Hope & Healing

In remembrance of the Highland Park shooting on July 4th, our library is sending thoughts of support to the Highland Park community. All are invited to stop by the library lobby anytime in June to pick up supplies and instructions to create an origami paper crane, a symbol of hope and healing during challenging times.

Once your paper crane is complete, you can add it to our collection bin in the lobby. The 1,000 origami figures represent the compassion that we feel for the victims' families. You can also sign a guest book with a caring message that we'll send to the Village of Highland Park.

Origami is the art of paper folding. Its name derives from the Japanese words *ori* ("folding") and *kami* ("paper"). Traditional origami consists of

folding a single sheet of square paper (often with a colored side) into a sculpture without cutting, gluing, taping, or even marking it.

In Japanese folklore, the crane (or *Tsuru* in Japanese) is a strong majestic bird that mates for life and is said to live for a thousand years. It symbolizes honor, good fortune, loyalty, and longevity. These formidable characteristics give the crane such special meaning and why the Japanese believed that anyone with the patience and commitment to fold 1,000 origami cranes would be given good fortune and granted a wish.

Featured Resources for teens



TOP PICKS

Get book recommendations based on your reading preferences. Discover new titles and series for your summer reading journey. [guides.VAPLD.info/teenpicks](http://VAPLD.info/teenpicks)



SUMMER READING

Need to choose your own book for summer reading and want some ideas? Check out assigned and recommended titles for Communication Arts and other classes at Stevenson High School at VAPLD.info/SHSreads



FLIPSTER

Take a social media break that still gives you plenty to explore. The Flipster app and your library card let you page through more than 100 popular magazines. Check out an issue about fashion, sports, chess, photography, computers or other subjects.

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Ribbon Wrapping the Library Trees GRADES 6–12

Celebrate Pride Month by wrapping the library trees in rainbows. Supplies provided.

Monday, June 5, 4–6 pm

Summer Library Celebration

Celebrate the start of summer with treats from an ice cream truck (while supplies last) and outdoor live music. Express yourself through art projects. Explore the library with a scavenger hunt. Stop by tables from local garden and conservation groups. While you are here, pick up a Summer Library Club log — or claim your first reward if you're ready! No signup required. Drop in between 1 and 3 p.m.

Sunday, June 11, 1–3 pm

Sphero Battle Bots GRADES 6–8

Create armor for a Sphero robot, then challenge your friends to a battle.

Monday, June 12, 7–8:15 pm

Teen Take & Make Craft Kits GRADES 6–12

Reserve beginning 30 days in advance; pick up on the date indicated.

June 16: DIY Rock Photo Holders

July 21: Shrinky Dink Keychains

August 18: Decorated Cork Board Tile



Chess Challenge Meetup

Off the Page: A Teen Book Club GRADES 8–12

Participants get a copy of the book to keep and custard (our treat!)

Mondays, 7–8:15 pm Culver's, Lincolnshire

June 19: *All My Rage* by Sabaa Tahir

July 17: *Once Upon a K-Prom* by Kat Cho



Cyanotype Printmaking

Cyanotype Printmaking GRADES 6–12

Create a vivid blue photo print using sunlight and nature.

Thursday, June 29, 4:30–5:30 pm

Tips for Getting Your Novel Published TEENS & ADULTS

Get insight from a professional writer about the steps between "first draft" and "bestseller list."

Wednesday, July 12, 7–8 pm

Rebecca Caudill Award Book Discussion GRADES 6–8Discuss *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat: "a Thai-inspired twist on *Les Misérables*." Pick up a copy of the book (yours to keep) at the Youth Desk when you sign up.

Thursday, July 13, 7–8 pm

Breakin' It Down: Hip-Hop History THRU GRADE 8

Interactive performance from Chicago Dance Crash demonstrates the story and techniques of hip-hop fundamentals like popping, waving, funk, and breakdancing.

Tuesday, July 18, 7–8 pm

Chess Challenge Meetup GRADES 5–8

Already know how to play chess? Join friends for practice games.

Wednesday, July 19, 7–8:15 pm

The Truth About Deep Dish Pizza & Other Chicago Original Foods TEENS & ADULTSChicago "food nerds" Monica Eng and David Hammond share facts and funny stories from their book, *Made in Chicago: Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites*.

Wednesday, July 26, 7–8 pm

Watercolor Workshop GRADES 6–12

Local artist and Stevenson alum Audrey Ra guides this free-form watercolor session paired with meditation techniques.

Thursday, July 27, 7–8 pm

Interactive Murder Mystery GRADES 6–12

Investigate "whodunnit?" by interviewing suspects and solve a murder mystery in the style of the "Clue" board game.

Monday, July 31, 6–8 pm

Teen Trivia Challenge GRADES 6–12

Put your knowledge to the test for fun and prizes.

Monday, August 21, 7–8 pm

Fun with Cubelets GRADES 6–8

Learn computer science basics by building a robot from Cubelet function blocks.

Monday, August 28, 7–8 pm

Featured Resources for kids



BOOKS IN BRAILLE

A new selection of children's books in braille allows children who are blind or who have low vision to engage with braille from a young age, encouraging independent reading. Find them in the Youth Nonfiction area.



SUMMER READING LISTS

Wondering about your school's assigned summer reading? Find lists for school districts 96, 102 and 103 on the wall near the Award Books.



CREATIVEBUG

Log in for art and craft video tutorials for all ages, including great lessons for kids like upcycled t-shirts and amigurumi crochet animals.
VAPLD.info/creativebug

Classes & Events for kids

Note location with each item (outdoors, indoors, online). All events are free and open to all. Signup is required unless otherwise noted. Sign up at VAPLD.info/calendar or call 224-543-1486.

Take & Make Craft Kits ALL AGES

Visit the library each month for instructions and supplies to make a craft. Available while supplies last beginning:
June 1: Summer Library Celebration
June 15: Juneteenth Celebration
July 14: Octopus Pal
August 4: Caterpillar & Butterfly

Plant the Garden GRADES K–5

Learn gardening basics then work together to plant vegetables in the community garden.
Saturday, June 3, 9:30–10:30 am

Library at Buffalo Grove Pride Picnic

Sunday, June 4, 11:30 am–2:30 pm
Mike Rylko Community Park

Art in the Garden with Miss Jane

GRADES K–5

Follow along step-by-step to create a beautiful lily pond inspired by the nature around you.
Tuesday, June 6
Grades K–2: 2–3 pm
Grades 3–5: 4–5 pm

Books & Badges: Stories with the Police FAMILIES WITH KIDS OF ALL AGES

Stories and summer safety tips with our neighborhood law enforcement officers – plus a peek inside their vehicles!

Friday, June 9, 10–11 am

Summer Library Celebration

See details on page 9.

Sunday, June 11, 1–3 pm Indoors

Sphero Battle Bots GRADES 3–5

Create armor for a Sphero robot, then challenge your friends to a battle.

Monday, June 12, 4:30–5:45 pm

Frog Lady & Friends in the Library Garden

GRADES K–5

Learn about fascinating reptiles and amphibians live and up-close.

Tuesday, June 13, 4:30–5:30 pm

Lego Master Builders GRADES K–5

After a short engineering lesson, put your skills to the test: can you build the tallest skyscraper? Choose one session.

Thursday, June 15
4:30–5:30 pm or 7–8 pm

Family Fridays ALL AGES

Drop by with the whole family for self-guided, play-based activities that promote socialization, problem solving, sensory experiences, and imagination. No signup required.

Fridays, 10–11 am
June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14

Plant-a-Palooza GRADES K–5

Decorate a planter, then play garden bingo to win a flower or vegetable seedling to put in it.

Tuesday, June 20 

Grades K–2 with an adult: 1–1:45 pm
Grades 3–5: 3–3:45 pm

Bluestem Award Book Discussion**GRADES 3–5 WITH AN ADULT**

This parent-child book group will discuss *Mac Undercover* by Mac Barnett. Pick up a copy of the book (yours to keep) at the Youth Desk.

Thursday, June 22, 7–8 pm 

Outdoor Family Concerts ALL AGES

Bring a blanket to sit on and enjoy a fun concert at the library. Families with children of all ages are welcome.

Saturdays, 11–11:45 am, except as noted 

June 24: Bill Brickey

July 15: Laura Doherty

Friday, July 21, 10–10:45 am: Jigglejam with Jodi

August 5: Wendy & DB

August 26: Sarah Jayne Lane

Fantastic Puppets & How to Build Them Workshop GRADES 1–5

Design and build a beastly paper puppet with guidance from Sea Beast Puppet Company.

Tuesday, June 27, 4:30–6 pm 

Animal Crossing Open Play ALL AGES

Visit the virtual VernonArea Island. We'll post the Dodo Code on the Vernon Area Animal Crossing Fans Facebook group page when gates open. Drop in.

Wednesday, June 28, 7–9 pm  on your Nintendo Switch

Exploring Great Artists: Paul Gauguin GRADES K–5

Learn about this important Post-Impressionist painter, then create your own masterpiece inspired by his art.

Thursday, July 6 

Grades K–2: 4:30–5:45 pm
Grades 3–5: 7–8:15 pm



Breakin' It Down: The History of Hip Hop

Summer STEM Storytime**GRADES K–2 WITH AN ADULT**

Explore the science of bubbles through a story and related science activities.

Monday, July 10, 1–1:45 pm 

Breakin' It Down: The History of Hip Hop GRADES 3–8

Dynamic dance company Chicago Dance Crash shares the story and demonstrates the techniques of hip-hop basics like popping, waving, funk, and breakdancing — with plenty of chances for kids to join in and learn moves from the pros!

Tuesday, July 18, 7–8 pm 

Chess Challenge Meetup GRADES 2–4

Already know how to play? Test your knowledge, sharpen your skills, and meet new friends.

Wednesday, July 19, 4:30–5:45 pm 

Rock Your World GRADES 3–5

Conduct experiments to test hardness, magnetism, and luster in this hands-on geology class.

Monday, July 24, 6:30–7:30 pm 

The Captivating Chemistry Show**GRADES K–5**

Chemistry demos that look like magic, presented by the Discovery Center Museum.

Tuesday, July 25, 4:30–5:30 pm 

Morris the Magic Man ALL AGES

Families can expect puppets, tricks and lots of audience involvement at this captivating magic show.

Saturday, July 29, 11–11:45 am 

Library at Buffalo Grove National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1, 5:30–7:30 pm 
Willow Stream Park

Wild Portraits GRADES K–5

Use chalk and oil pastels to create a portrait of yourself as an animal with local artist Terri Murphy.

Thursday, August 3 

Grades K–2: 4–5:30 pm

Grades 3–5: 6–7:30 pm

Lego Robotics GRADES K–5

Build and program the Goal Kicker model using the LEGO Education WeDo software in this fun, hands-on class. 

Grades K–2: Choose either

Monday, August 7, 4:30–5:30 pm or

Wednesday, August 9, 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 3–5: Monday, August 7, 7–8 pm

Passport to the World GRADES K–5

Learn about Canada, Mexico, Germany, and Egypt as you visit different craft stations.

Tuesday, August 15 

Grades K–2: 4:30–5:30 pm

Grades 3–5: 7–8 pm

Classes & Events for birth to pre-k

Drop In

It's easier than ever to make storytime part of your family's weekly routine. Drop in for the session that's right for your child's age. Claim an entry ticket when you arrive, then join the fun!

Summer Library Celebration ALL AGES

See details on page 9.

Sunday, June 11, 1–3 pm 

NEW! Family Fridays ALL AGES

Drop by with the whole family for outdoor activities in the newly updated library garden. Spend time together engaged with activities that promote socialization, problem solving, sensory experiences, and imaginative play. In case of bad weather, we will move inside the main library.

Fridays, 10–11 am 

June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14

Baby Rhyme Storytime 0–14 MONTHS

Grow your baby's brain with songs, rhymes, and books with Miss Kelsey. Then connect and socialize with other new parents while your baby plays with educational toys.

Wednesdays, 9:30–10 am 

June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 12, 19; August 2, 9, 23

Wiggling Ones 12–24 MONTHS

Add 30 minutes of joy to your week. Giggle, sing, and play along with your little one, other families, and Miss Julia.

Tuesdays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 

June 6, 13, 20; July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22

Together 2s & 3s AGES 2–3

Share stories and learn sign language with Miss Sarah. Activities center around a letter of the day.

Mondays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 

June 5, 12, 19; July 10, 17, 24; August 7, 14, 21

Preschool Storytime AGES 3–5

Get ready for school with Miss Emily by practicing the language, listening, and pre-reading skills needed for kindergarten. Children attend without an adult.

Thursdays, 9:30–10 am or 10:30–11 am 

June 1, 8, 15; July 6, 13, 20; August 3, 10, 17

Starry Night Storytime AGES 0–6

Get out those last few wiggles during an evening storytime with Miss Julia.

Thursdays, 6–6:30 pm 

June 22, July 27, August 24

Find Your Voice

Early Literacy Summer Library Club

JUNE 1 – JULY 31, 2023 • AGES BIRTH–PRE-K

Even the littlest ones can participate in summer reading fun! Pick up an Early Literacy Summer Library Club activity sheet at the library. Prompts include activities that help make a habit of "talk, sing, read, write, and play" — the five foundational early literacy practices. Your tot can earn fun prizes while you reinforce reading-readiness skills with your child.





Sign Up in Advance

Free and open to all. For these storytimes and events, sign up in advance at VAPLD.info/calendar, by telephone at 224-543-1486 or at any public service desk in the library. Note location with each item (🌳 outdoors, 🏛 indoors, 🌐 online).

Science Detectives AGES 3–6

STEM-themed stories and activities with Miss Lisa Marie.

Fridays, 10–10:30 am 🏛

June 2, August 4

Evening Stories with Miss Emily AGE 3–GRADE 2

Wind down with an end-of-the-day storytime that you can log into from your bed! Sign up for each month separately.

Wednesdays, 7–7:30 pm 🌐

June 7, 14, 21; July 5, 12, 19; August 2, 9, 16

Books & Badges: Stories with the Police AGES 0–6

Stories and summer safety tips with our neighborhood law enforcement officers — plus a peek inside their police cars!

Friday, June 9, 10–11 am 🌳

Sun & Fun Storytime AGES 0–6

An outdoor storytime with tunes, dancing, rhymes and read-alouds. Sign up for each session separately.

10–10:30 am 🌳

Saturday, June 10

Monday, June 26

Saturday, July 8

Friday, July 28

Saturday, August 12

Blast Off Movie & Craft AGES 2–6

Transform a cardboard box into a rocket ship, then climb in and watch a short movie from your space vehicle. Supplies provided. Zoom, zoom, zoom!

Saturday, June 17, 10–10:45 am 🏛

Mini Math Magicians AGES 3–5

Explore math concepts through books, games and activities with preschool pro Miss Emily.

Thursdays, 10–10:30 am 🏛

June 22, July 27

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Friday, July 21, 10–10:45 am: Jigglejam with Jodi

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Sunshine Squad AGES 0–6

Stories and activities focused on making the world a kinder, sunnier place for everyone.

10–10:45 am

Wednesday, June 28: Caring for the Earth 🌳

Saturday, July 22: Try, Try Again 🏛

Wednesday, August 30: All Bodies Are Beautiful 🏛

Morris the Magic Man ALL AGES

Families: expect puppets, tricks and lots of audience involvement at this captivating, age-appropriate magic show.

Saturday, July 29, 11–11:45 am 🏛

Bilingual Storytime AGES 0–6

Introduce your child to the sounds of a second language with stories and songs in English and Mandarin.

Friday, August 18, 10–10:30 am 🏛

Preschool Teacher Workshop: Surprising STEM PRESCHOOL EDUCATORS

Ruth Spiro, author of the popular "Baby Loves Science" series, shares ideas for STEM activities using materials you have on hand. Teachers receive two PD credits. Open to all preschool educators.

Thursday, August 10, 9:45 am–12 pm 🏛

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Lincolnshire, IL 60069-2901

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Main: 847-634-3650

Text: 847-565-6457

App: Look for Vernon Area Public Library in your device's App Store

Get a Library Card

Free and available to all district residents. Apply online at VAPLD.info/card or visit.

Returns

Return materials 24/7 to the drive-up slot on the front of the library or at these drop boxes:
VAPLD.info/bookdrops

Open

Monday–Thursday 9 am – 9 pm
Friday–Saturday 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday 10 am – 5 pm

Before-hours access is available daily for people who prefer a "mask required" environment. See VAPLD.info or call 847-634-3650 for info about special operating hours.

Closed

Tuesday, July 4



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